



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region #

Meeting Date: February 28, 2006

Meeting Location: Lake County Juvenile Justice Center
3000 West 93rd Avenue
Crown Point Indiana 46307

Council Members Present: Richard Ban, Jane Bisbee, Mary Beth Bonaventura, Melanie Cox, Rita Daniels, Deborah Harris, Cynthia Kambesis, Jeffrey Miller, Henry Mosley, Charlotte Peller, Elizabeth Tegarden, Lynda Wheeler,

Council Members Absent: Robin Freeland

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Meeting Called to Order at 3:30.

The January Minutes were reviewed and approved.

The Regional Services Council Protocol was discussed and the members agreed that meeting notices would be posted in the Juvenile Center as well as being sent to the local newspapers, The Gary Post Tribune and the Northwest Times. In addition the notice would be posted in the Department of Child Services Broadway Office.

The Regional Service Proposals were discussed including the process of reviewing 135 proposals (16 proposals not selected and 119 recommended) by the review committee. Member questions about the process included what would happen if the court wanted to select a provider not included in the proposal process. It was explained that if the providers under contract could not meet the needs of a family or a child, the court could order a different provider. There was also discussion of what it meant when the council approved the list of providers. Council members were advised that approval meant that the listed providers met the criteria of the request for proposals. When the proposals were scored they were determined to be providers with whom the department would offer contracts for services. Those who were selected and complete the contract process would have the opportunity to provide services. RSC approval of the providers did not in any way identify the quality of services as that would be determined by the outcomes and by the

adherence to the service standards in the contracts. Mr. Jim Shively, Region 1 Child Welfare Services Coordinator was in attendance to answer questions. Providers will be evaluated as they provide services for quality of work. The process also includes onsite evaluations. A motion to approve the providers (see attached list) was made, seconded and approved. There was one abstention.

The last agenda item was the Community Child Safety monies. It was determined that the RSC needed information about what other communities do as well as data on child abuse and neglect in Lake County. It was decided to make this the primary agenda item for the March RSC meeting.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: Tuesday April 25, 2006
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Meeting Adjourned at 3:50